Free grant of wood and bamboos to raiyats for building purposes.

Messrs. B. Kesava Iyengar and Kesavadas Iyengar, Belur Taluk.

To poor agricultural raiyats who build houses on sanitary principles, wood and bamboos may be given free

Reply of Government.—Rule 7 of Malnad Raiyats' Privilege Rules of 1896 permits raiyats to remove thorny bamboos for hedges and fences, and Rule 5 provides for the free removal of bamboos for cattle pens, sheds, pandals, small huts and machans to be put up in fields and for stack floors. The question whether any discretion should be given to Deputy Commissioners to allow the grant of building materials to poor agriculturists will be referred to the Revenue Commissioner, the Conservator of Forests and Deputy Commissioners for opinion.

SUBJECT No. 187.

Grant of Bhogi timber at reduced rates.

Mr. C. Nagappa, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to the damp weather, timber used for houses in Malnad deteriorate early. Bhogi timber is somewhat durable. This may, it is requested, be granted to raiyats according to Raiyats' Privilege Rules.

Reply of Government.—Final orders have been passed by Government in their Proceedings No. 7591-2—Ft. 113 05-7, dated the 20th December 1905, allowing certain further concessions in the matter. As Bhogi is a valuable timber-yielding tree, its reservation is necessary.

SUBJECT No. 188.

Supply of free license forms to village servants.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Printed forms of free licenses for firewood have not yet been supplied to village officials. It is therefore requested that the supply may kindly be expedited.

Free grant of license for cutting firewood and other trees on one's holding.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Much delay is at present being caused in the taluks for the grant of free license for cutting firewood and other trees standing in the raiyats' holding. The patels and shanbhogs may, it is solicited, be empowered to grant such licenses.

Reply of Government.—Instructions will be issued for supplying such free license forms.

SUBJECT No. 189.

Free license to remove honge leaves from District Forests.

Mr. Siddagangappa, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that free licenses be granted to raiyats to remove honge leaves from District Forests to manure their paddy fields.

Reply of Government.—Final orders have been passed in Government Proceedings No. 12374-82—L. R. 38-05-3 of 26th March 1906, allowing leaves to be taken on payment of Rs. 1-12-0 per hundred trees. Nothing more can be done.

SUBJECT No. 190

Free grant of all kinds of timber to raiyats for their *bonâ fide* purposes.

Messrs. Kigga Channakesava Rao, Halgur Venkatasubbaiya and Bettagere Subramanya Bhatta, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The privileges conceded to the raiyats for removing wood from (State) Forests are very few and are not beneficial. The wood removable by the eight anna license is hardly fit even for fuel, while the ordinary raiyat cannot afford to take wood applying for the one rupee license, and he is debarred from removing hebbalasu and other hard-grained trees as they are re-

served. It is therefore requested that raiyats may be allowed to take free of charge all kinds of timber and bamboos required for *bonâ fide* purposes.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done. Special privileges have already been conceded in the malnad under the Raiyats' Privilege Rules of 1896 and Notification No. 245—1300, dated 2nd October 1901.

SUBJECT No. 191.

Levy of a uniform rate of two annas on all waddar carts laden with bamboos, etc., removed from the State Forests.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As it was represented that the levy of a fee of four annas for a cart-load of firewood or bamboos removed (by means of wadder carts) was heavy, Government were pleased to order the reduction of the same by half; but the Conservator has issued orders for reducing the fee in the case of firewood only, and the former rate of four annas is still being levied on bamboos and charcoal. It is therefore prayed that a uniform rate of two annas be prescribed on all articles removed from State Forests by means of waddar carts.

Reply of Government.—No further concession is necessary. The produce can be removed in proper carts.

SUBJECT No. 192.

Private stamps for marking timber logs.

Mr. Kesavaiengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Licenses to remove timber from private coffee holdings are not granted unless the logs are marked with private seals which are duly registered. As this is a hardship to people owning small extents of such land, the restriction may be removed.

For registering the stamp a fee of five rupees has to be paid, which is too much to be paid by the smaller coffee planters. It also encourages fraudulent practices as the licenses have to be issued free and so, if a coffee planter who has obtained a stamp, stamps it, it is possible to take away the timber.

Reply of Government.—The question whether the fee of five rupees should be insisted upon for the registration of the stamp in the case of owners of small estates will be referred to the Conservator of Forests for opinion.

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SUBJECT No. 193.

Currency of clipped and worn-out coins.

Mr. M. Hassan Ali Beg, Mysore City Municipality.

Acceptance of worn-out silver coins.

Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit, Yedatore Taluk.

Uncurrent coins to be taken by Government.

Mr. K. Ramanujaiengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that orders may be issued for the currency of worn-out coins. These are not received even when brought as part of remittances.

It is prayed that orders be issued to the Amildars, shanbhogs and patels for accepting silver coins worn-out by wear when tendered towards Land Revenue. They refuse to receive such coins at present.

Worn-out or notched Government coins should be detained in the treasury and not put in circulation.